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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

IN THE MATTER OF

JEFF S. GELBEIN, L.M.P. LMP# 36BI00983500

LICENSED TO PRACTICE AS A MASTER PLUMBER IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers ("the Board") upon receipt of information revealing the following:

- 1. Respondent, Jeff S. Gelbein ("respondent"), is the holder of License No. 36BI00983500 and was licensed to engage in the plumbing business in the State of New Jersey from February 9, 1993 until June 30, 2011 after which time respondent permitted his license to lapse.
- 2. The Board received a complaint from the construction official for the Township of Bernards, New Jersaey, dated August 4, 2010, alleging that respondent attempted, on two occasions, to submit a falsified chimney certification. As a result, the town issued a notice of violation and order to terminate. According to the construction official, the town made numerous attempts to contact respondent regarding the violations, but was unsuccessful. As a result, the homeowners were held responsible for respondent's actions.
- The Board sent a letter, dated August 25, 2010, to respondent's address of record. The letter requested that respondent respond, in writing, to the complaint received from the Township of Bernards. The letter required respondent to provide a response within 15 business days of his receipt of the letter. Respondent failed to provide the required response.
- The Board received a subsequent complaint from the construction official for the Township of Bernards, New Jersey, dated September 29, 2010. In the complaint, the construction

official indicated there had been no resolution to the charges of falsifying chimney certifications made against respondent. Additionally, the construction official was now alleging that respondent submitted an application for plumbing work which stated a different address for respondent than the address of record registered with the Board.

- 5. The Board sent a letter, dated March 30, 2011, to respondent's address of record. The letter again requested that respondent respond to the complaints and also reminded respondent of his duty to cooperate with the Board pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.1-1.6. Again, respondent failed to provide the requested response.
- 6. Respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal in 2011, resulting in a lapsed license status, provides grounds to automatically suspend respondent's license to engage in the plumbing business in the State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 28 day of 500, 2012, ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's license to engage in plumbing contracting in the State of New Jersey, shall be and hereby is suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, without a hearing.
- 2. Prior to the Board entertaining any petition for reinstatement of his license to practice plumbing in the State of New Jersey, respondent shall be required to appear before the Board to demonstrate fitness to resume practice and to provide information concerning the complaints received from the construction official of the Township of Bernards. Additionally, respondent shall provide information regarding respondent's activities from the date of license lapse until the date of the appearance. Further, respondent shall satisfy any requirements for reinstatement of licensees with lapsed licenses pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b). Any practice in this State prior to said appearance and reinstatement of license shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.
- 3. The Board reserves the right to take disciplinary action based on the information provided in the complaints submitted by the construction official for the Township of Bernards and to place restrictions on respondent's practice should his license be reinstated.
- 4. Respondent shall surrender his pressure seal to the Board, or a representative of the Board, pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:32-4.1(e).

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

Peter I. Voros

Board Chairman